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Great Falls Public Library announces the appointment of Mrs. Kay Courtnage as Reference Librarian, and Clint Desonia as Extension Services Head, both effective September 1. Both received scholarship grants from the State Library, Mrs. Courtnage to study at North Texas State University and Mr. Desonia at the University of Washington. Welcome back to both.

Billings Public Library announces the appointment of Nancy Collins as Head of the Children's Department, and William Jones as Reference Librarian. Miss Collins is a graduate of the University of Washington. Mr. Jones comes to Montana from Arlington, Virginia. Montanans welcome both to the state.

Mrs. Alyce Bull has resigned as Librarian of the Dillon Public Library, to become Librarian at the Butte High School. Mrs. Patricia Landon, former Assistant Librarian, succeeds Mrs. Bull at the Dillon Library.

Library supporters in Yellowstone County have been successful in gaining signatures on petitions calling for an election on the question of establishment of a Yellowstone County library service at the general election in November.

Mrs. Margaret Warden, chairman of the Montana Library Association's Legislative Committee, asks that readers of this Newsletter contact her prior to September 23, suggesting names of new persons for the Legislative Committee for the coming session. Mrs. Warden's address is 208 Third Avenue North, Great Falls 59401.

Mrs. Warden has been invited by the American Library Association to testify on the proposed extension of the Library Services and Construction Act, before Congress on September 10. Montana's programs are honored in Mrs. Warden's invitation.

The Montana Constitution Revision Commission offers libraries of all types current information materials on the state's constitution. In a letter to Mrs. Mabel Brewer, President of the Montana Library Association, the Chairman of the Commission noted that libraries "can perform a valuable public service by joining in this program to inform the public on the need for constitutional change. Libraries are uniquely qualified for public education activities...." The Commission can be addressed at the University of Montana, Missoula 59801.

The Pacific Northwest Library Association met in Ashland, Oregon, August 26-28. Smoke, by William Corbin, received the Young Readers Choice Award.

Also at the PNLA meeting, members voted to authorize the reorganization of the Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center as a nonprofit corporation under the provisions of the Washington Nonprofit Corporation Act. Active members of the corporation are the state library agencies of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. The State Librarians of the five states signed the articles of incorporation on August 28.

REFERENCE TOOLS: In order to strengthen its reference collection, the State Library subscribes to the daily air mail edition of the New York Times. The Times, with its index, provides in-depth coverage of national and international news items, texts of speeches, treaties, financial news, etc. Facts and photocopies from the Times are available through your library network.

Newsletter readers are reminded that the State Library provides direct service to officers and employees of state government, and to persons who live in areas with no legal access to public libraries. Individuals living within the service areas of city or county libraries and schools in these areas are asked to use their local libraries; the librarians in turn can use the State Library's WATS telephone line for access to our materials.

MONTANIANA: Handbook for Montana Municipal Officials, a digest of Montana statutes governing municipal corporations. Publication #8 of the Bureau of Government Research, University of Montana. Available, at $10, from Montana League of Cities and Towns, Post Office Box 1704, Helena 59601.

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